सूचना के अनुसार गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर कोई यातायात संकेत प्रणाली स्थापित नहीं की गई है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Affairs of Indian Shipping Industry

3067. SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of SUFRACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Business Standard' dated the 2nd June, 1992 and Business and Political Observer dated the 5th June, 1992 regarding request to join a private shipping company by a Former Director General of Shipping and move to hire technically rejected ship respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to order an inquiry to look into the hiring of technically-rejected ships by a private sector firm, move to hire those ships by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and request by the former Director General of Shipping to join the said private sector shipping unit; and

(d) if so, by when and the terms of reference thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) he former Director General of Shipping, Shri Praveen Singh, had sought in March, 1992, Government's permission to accept commercial employment with Essar Shipping Limited as its Managing Director. The Government did not accede to the request.

M/s. Essar Shipping Limited had acquired a Multi-Support Vessel (Dynamic Constructor) since renamed as ESSAR STENA-I. According to the information obtained from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, this vessel did not meet the technical specifications of Oil and Natural Gas Commission and, hence, was not employed by Oil and Natural Gas commission against their earlier tender. Even though there was a proposal to hire this vessel for undertaking certain off shore jobs which the vessel is capable of doing, the same was not approved by Oil and Natural Gas Commission since the proposal was not against a global tender and the need for the vessel required further examination. In the circumstances, the question of holding an inquiry does not arise.

Length of Surfaced and Unsurfaced Roads

3068. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of surfaced and unsurfaced road in 1980 and 1990 respectively;

(b) whether it is a fact that no significant progress has been made so far in the construction of surfaced roads during the last decade;

(c) whether any action plan has been drawn to improve the condition of roads in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There has been significant progress in the construction of surfaced roads in the country from 1980 to 1988 (the latest figures available) as per details below:

Year	Length of surfaced roads	Length of unsurfaced roads
1980	6,44,216 km	8,47,657 km
1933	8,83,400 km	9,55,000 km

(c) and (d) Development|maintenance of National Highways is a continuing activity and works are being taken up on the basis of Annual Plans| Five Year Plans subject to *inter-se* priority of each project, traffic intensity and availability of funds from year to year. An outlay of Rs. 2,460.00 crores is provided for development of National Highways in the 8th Plan. However, for other categories of roads, the respective States are primarily concerned in the matter.

3069. [*Transferred to the 7th August*, 1992]

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OBSERVATION BY THE CHAIR OF RE. THE MATTER WHICH NECESSITATED THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON 4TH AUGUST 1992.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam . . . (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Member . . . (*Interruptions*). Please, order in the House. Just a minute. (*Interruptions*). Please, just a second. Please, order in the House. May I request Members to take their seats, please?

Now, yesterday, there was a matter which was raised in the House and I have got my ruling on that. I went through the tapes recorded between 12.00 and 12.43 when the House was adjourned for fifteen minutes at 12.43 hrs. I heard both the cassette and the spool a number of times along with other senior officials of the Secretariat, reporters and the recording staff. We could not hear on the tape the remarks attributed to Dr. Baldev Prakash calling Dr. Subra- the remarks attributed to Dr. Subramanian Swamy that he called B.J.P. anti-national.

After the house reassembled at 1.00 p.m. and the matter was again raised in the House, both Dr. Baldev Prakash and Dr. Subramanian swamy admitted to having said that the following remarks and I quote.

Dr. Baldev Prakash said:

मैडम, मेरी बात तो सुन लें कि मैंने क्या कहा है। जब मि० स्वामी ने दो-तीन दफा यह एलीगेशन लगाया कि बी०जे०पी० के लोग एंटी सिख, एंटी मुस्लिम हैं, एंटी माइनारिटीज हैं, यह भी कहा कि एंटी माइनारिटीज है, उसके रिएक्शन में मैंने कहा कि यह जो ऐसी बातें कहते हैं यह टरोरिस्टों के या आतंकवादियों की दलाली करते है। यह मैंने कहा है।'

This is what I found on the record.

And, Dr. Subramanian Swamy said: "Madam, I spoke at two stages. (1) In the beginning I said that the B.J.P. Government was anti-Sikh and anti-Muslim. (2) When a personal allegation was made against my by Dr. Baldev Prakash that I was a *dalal* of the terrorists, at that time I said, 'Your Government is anti-national'. I did not refer to any individual. I did not say he was anti-national at all at any stage. If anybody has made a personal allegation it is Dr. Baldev Prakash who has made a personal allegation against me and he should withdraw it and apologise to the House."

This is the exact quoting from the recording.